

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2007. In the office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 24-36, 41-54 and 62-69;
- rejected claims 16-22 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dieffenderfer et al. (US 5,910,930) in view of Foss et al. (US 5,796,673); and

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 24-36, 41-54, and 62-69.

Overview of Changes to the Claims

Claims 16-22 and 37-40 have been canceled. As a result, only allowed claims remain pending.

Applicant reserves the right to resubmit the canceled claims in a continuation application. Applicant disagrees with the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), for reasons that will be explained in a preliminary amendment filed with a continuation application.

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement is also being separately filed, by Express Mail, on the same date as the submission date of this response.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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